

ABSTRACT**METHOD FOR REGISTERING A DEFECT MAP WITHIN
A HARD DISK DRIVE**

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A method for registering a defect map within a hard disk drive is disclosed. A hard disk drive includes a recording disk, a head assembly, and a controller. Multiple sectors are formed on the recording disk, and the head assembly includes a head for reading/writing data from/to the recording disk. The controller, which controls the head assembly to read/write data from/to the recording disk, includes a defect sector positional information holding device and a sector identification device. The defect sector positional information holding device holds positional information of a defect sector disabled to read/write data therefrom/thereto the recording disk. The positional information includes the number of the defect sectors continued in a circumferential direction and in a radial direction of the recording disk. The sector identification device refers to the positional information of the defect sector so as to identify a target sector from/in which data is to be read/written when a read/write command is received from a host computer.

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